

## **Short-Term | Primary Media Statements**

### **San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site**

**Location:** The western bank of the San Jacinto River, just north of Interstate 10.

(The Superfund is the federal program that works to clean up hazardous waste sites. The Environmental Protection Agency directs all Superfund activities.)

- The first stage of the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site (Site) is set to begin in April [*or a date certain TBD*].
- As of April \_\_, for your safety, the Site and the shoreline are closed to the public.
- The Site contains dangerous waste from a paper company that is no longer in business. Although the waste was released over forty years ago, *it is still important* to clean up the Site as soon as possible.
- Fencing and other access barriers have been put up to help keep people safe while this environmental clean-up project takes place.
- Signs have also been posted on the Site to remind everyone that; 1) people are not allowed on the Site; 2) the area may be dangerous; and, 3) people should not eat fish or crab from the San Jacinto River, the Houston Ship Channel, Tabbs Bay and Upper Galveston Bay north of Red Bluff Point to Five Mile Cut Marker to Houston Point.
- Multiple community organizations, government agencies and elected officials (*list all by name*) are working to help inform the public about the clean-up process, the fish advisory and other parts of this project.

### **Further Background about the Project and the Site:**

- A team of engineering and environmental professionals are working to restore the site.
- Water and sediment samples will also be taken from areas immediately surrounding the Site. Areas will be studied where sand dredging and other sediment-movement activity occurred in the late 1990s. These studies will help determine if other areas may be affected.
- Costs for these actions are being paid by two companies under the direction of U.S. EPA. These companies are McGinnes Industrial Maintenance Corporation (MIMC) and International Paper.
- For more information about this project, please visit [*appropriate EPA Web site link*]. Community flyers are also available through [*appropriate contact*].

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